(b) and (c). Government of Maharashtra has submitted a memorandum seeking additional central assistance of Rs. 100 crores for relief measures in the areas affected by floods during 1991.

(d) and (e). Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, the State Governments are requested to meet all expenditure on relief measures in the wake of natural calamities from the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The Central Government is required to provide additional assistance only in the case of a calamity of rare severity which needs handling at the national level. The memorandum for additional Central assistance received from Maharashtra Government has been considered. It nas been decided that no additional Central assistance is required to be provided to the State Government for meeting the situation, as this cannot be treated as a calamity requiring handling at the national level.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Milk to Delhi

1418. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which are supplying milk to Delhi;

(b) the daily quantity of milk supplied by these States to Delhi;

(c) the reasons for persistant shortage of milk in Delhi; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of milk in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(b) Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme received about 8 lakh litres of milk per day during January-February, 1992.

(c) Liquid milk arrivals are satisfactory.

(d) In additiona to the usual steps of consumption of conserved commodities during the lean months and imposition of restriction on the conversion of liquid milk into products, the sources of liquid milk supply have been diversified.

[*English*]

Reduction in Kerosene Quota of LPG Users in Delhi

1419. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to decrease the Kerosene quota of LPG users in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any directives have been issued to Delhi Administration in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No such decision has been taken by Delhi Administration at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Recruitment Camps for Para-Military Forces in Himachal Pradesh

1420. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitment camps for para-military forces and Delhi Police were held in Himachal Pradesh during 1991;

(b) if so, the details stating the place, district and number of persons recruited separately to each para-military force and Delhi Police; and

(c) the future plan for recruitment of personnel to these forces from Himachal Pradesh during 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Assam Rifles, CISF, CRPF and ITBP carried out recruitment from Himachal Pradesh during 1991. Assam Rifles recruited 7 candidates, CISF recruited 312 candidates, CRPF recruited 268 candidates and ITBP recruited 143 candidates. The details of the places and districts of Himachal Pradesh from where recruitments were made are as under:-

	Name of the Force	*Place of recruitment*	*District*
1.	Assam Rifles	Subethu	Shimla
2.	CISF	Dharmashala	Kangra
		Shimla	Shimla
		Hamirpur	Hamirpur
3.	CRPF	Una	Una
		Hamirpur	Hamirpur
		Nahan	Sirmaur
		Dharmashala	Kangra
		Bilaspur	Bilaspur
		Chamba	Chamba
		Solan	Solan
		Kullu	Kullu
4.	ITBP	Sarhan	Shimla
		Kullu	Kullu
		Hamirpur	Hamirpur
		Shimla	Shimla

BSF and Delhi Police did not carry out any recruitment in Himachal Pradesh during 1991.

(c) BSF, CISF, CRPF, Delhi Police and ITBP have no plans at present to carry out recruitment from Himachal Pradesh in 1992. Assam Rifles have tentatively selected YoI in Himachal Pradesh for recruitment in 1992.

Disparity in Gas Price Fixation

1421. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the wholesale and retail price of different types of industrial gas fixed and prevailing in Assam and Gujarat separately as on January 31, 1992;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted any memorandum to end disparity on the price fixation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). Prices charges by ONGC/OIL for natural gas supplied by them were as follow:-

1.	Assam	– Rs. 1000/1000 cu. mts. with afurther discount of Rs. 400/1000 cu. mts. on a case to case basis.
2.	Gujarat	– Rs. 1550/1000 cu. mts. (at landfall point) Rs. 2400/1000 cu. mts (ex-HBJ pipeline)

All aspects of the matter were duly considered while fixing the prices.

Increase in Commission of Kerosene Dealers

1422. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations from Kerosene dealers for increasing commission and fixing of commission on percentage basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination along with the recommendations of the Oil Price Review Committee.

Stocking of Agricultural Commodities by Farmers

1423. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding "Traders 'use' farmers to stock goods" appearing in the Tribune dated January 7, 1992;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation arising out of the proxy holding of agricultural commodities by farmers on behalf of traders for obvious consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to